Answer Key: Reading Comprehension

First Passage

1. D explaining two opposing positions in an argument about the use of a descriptor of national identity.

2. A an Afghani-born woman who is a naturalized citizen of Iran.
   B an American man born in the United States to Iranian immigrant parents.

3. E covered parts of the modern-day nations of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran

Second Passage

4. C *The Quest of the Silver Fleece* has at least one feature that would typically attract the attention of literary scholars.

5. D Du Bois’ novels may eventually attract greater scholarly interest than they have to date.

6. D The degree of consideration that has been given to DuBois’ novels, including *The Quest of the Silver Fleece*.

Third Passage

7. A A correct understanding of how phytoplankton photosynthesis utilizes carbon dioxide
   B A correct prediction about how the addition of iron to iron-poor waters would affect phytoplankton growth
   C An incorrect prediction about how phytoplankton growth would affect the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide.

8. A help identify why Martin’s hypothesis is incorrect.

Fourth Passage

9. A Summarizing the findings of an investigation.

10. A Some of them offered a religious explanation for their immigration.

11. The last sentence.